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2009-11 Budget Bill Statutory Language Drafting Request

Topic: Notice of Discharge Project Funding Language Changes

Tracking Code: BB 0022

SBO team: Agriculture, Environment and Justice

SBO analyst: Andrew Miner AM 9/17/08

Phone: 266-1103

Email: andrew.miner@wisconsin.gov

Agency acronym: DNR

Agency number: 370

Priority (Low, Medium, High): High

Intent: See attached sheet.

- Remove the term "small" from s. 31.385(2)(ag) and repeal the definition for "small dam" in s. 31.385 (1b)(b) so that owners of dams of any size can apply for grants to voluntarily remove their dams.
- Repeal s. 31.385(4), which requires stricter public notification and record keeping requirements than for any other dam project. These requirements increase indirect costs to the applicant and the Department and increase grant processing time for projects.
- Revise s. 31.385, to provide a financial incentive for dam owners to consider dam removal as a viable option by providing full funding for dam removal projects up to the maximum state contribution while continuing to fund repair or reconstruction projects of municipal dams as a 50/50 matching grant up to the maximum state contribution

Notice of Discharge (NOD) Project Funding— The 2007-09 biennial budget bill established a statutory mechanism for the Department to fund a notice of discharge (NOD) project outside of the targeted runoff management (TRM) program. The statutory language has been workable in the short term, but one key change needs to be made in order to maintain a funding source past CY 2009, and several additional changes need to be made to improve the functionality of the NOD program. The Department's requested changes include:

- Modifying s. 20.866(2)(tf) so that this source of bonding can also be used for NOD Projects under s. 281.65(4e).
- Allow DNR to provide an NOD grant directly to a landowner so that required cost-share offers can be made in counties that do not want to apply for grants.
- Allow DNR to provide cost-sharing to resolve notices of intent (NOIs), thus allowing resolution of the problem earlier in the notification process.
- Allow DNR to provide cost-sharing to resolve NODs based on groundwater impacts (instead of only surface water impacts, as currently worded).
- To expedite the NOD process, allow for resolution of a NOD site without requiring the Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) to approve the cost share rate.
- Restrict economic hardship to situations where the NOD is based on a performance standard or
 prohibition violation (for consistency with statutory cost-share requirements under s. 281.16, and
 chs. NR 153 and 243).

A Notice of Discharge (NOD) is a notification by the Department to a livestock owner or operator that their operation is discharging pollutants into the waters of the state. The notice includes specific actions that must be taken to address the problem, the offer of state cost-sharing assistance to implement the actions, and a deadline by which those actions must be completed. The capability to fund NOD projects is important because it provides a shorter time frame for resolving critical pollution problems. These proposed statutory changes will allow the Department to continue funding these NOD projects after the priority watershed program ends in FY 2009. In addition, the changes will help to facilitate cost-share grants to farmers, provide protection to all waters of the state (both surface water and groundwater), and will make economic hardship cost-share policy more consistent with other statutes.

<u>Habitat Assessment Surcharge</u> — Violations of Chapter 30 (Navigable Waters), 31 (Dams and Bridges Affecting Navigable Waters) and 281 (Wetlands) of the state statutes generally involve the destruction of fish and wildlife habitat. In addition, the state incurs significant expenses when dealing with formal enforcement cases that are ultimately referred to a circuit court. In order to recapture state dollars that have been spent on waterway and wetland violations, the Department proposes several statutory changes that would establish surcharges to fines and forfeitures for the purpose of reimbursing the Departments of Justice and Natural Resources for the cost of investigating, documenting and prosecuting waterway and wetland violations and act as a deterrent for future violations.

The proposed statutory changes are as follows:

1. Amend s. 30.298 to establish a court assessment for the costs that the Department of Justice (DOJ) incurs for investigating and prosecuting a Ch. 30 violation under sections s. 30.03 to s. 30.29 or a Ch. 31 violation under sections s. 31.02 to s. 31.34, including the cost of attorney fees. DOJ shall deposit in the state treasury for deposit into the general fund all moneys that the court awards to the Department or the state under this subsection. The costs of investigation and the expenses of the prosecution, including attorney fees, shall be credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.455 (1) (gh).

Tradewell, Becky

From:

Miner, Andrew - DOA [Andrew.Miner@Wisconsin.gov]

Sent:

Wednesday, October 01, 2008 8:51 AM

To:

Tradewell, Becky

Subject:

FW: NOD language

Attachments: NOD Proposal--suggested language.doc

Hi Becky,

DNR provided the following suggested language regarding their Notice of Discharge statutory language item. I have a feeling there will be issues getting this worked out, but hopefully this may provide you some guidance. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks,

Andrew

From: Neumann, Paul F - DNR

Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 8:46 AM

To: Miner, Andrew - DOA **Subject:** NOD language

Andrew,

Here is our suggested NOD language, in case you would like to share that with LRB.

Thanks, Paul

Notice of Discharge Proposal—Suggested Language

281.65 (4e) of the statutes is created to read:

281.65 (4e) (a) A governmental unit may request funding from the department, or the department may offer funding directly to a landowner or operator, under this subsection for a project to implement best management practices for animal waste management at an animal feeding operation for which the department has issued a notice of discharge or a notice of intent to issue a notice of discharge under ch. 283.

(b) The department may grant a request <u>or make a cost-share offer</u> under par. (a) if it determines that providing funding under this subsection is necessary to protect fish and aquatic life the waters of the state.

(c) Subsection (8) (d) does not apply to a grant an offer of cost sharing provided by the department directly to a landowner or operator under this subsection.

Provides flexibility for the Dept. in instances where a county prefers not to participate in the issuance of an NOD

Allows DNR to provide costshare at the point in which an NOI is issued.

Expands protective language to include groundwater

281.65 (8) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

281.65 (8) (f) A cost-sharing grant shall equal the percentage of the cost of implementing the best management practice that is determined by the department under sub. (4e) (a) or by the governmental unit submitting the application under sub. (4c) (a) or (4e) (a) and is approved by the board except as provided under pars. (gm) and (jm). A cost-sharing grant may not exceed 70% of the cost of implementing the best management practice unless required to meet the economic hardship requirements under par. (gm).

Preserves the rapid response element to an NOD by eliminating the need for the Land and Water Conservation Board to approve an NOD grant.

 $\sqrt{281.65}$ (8) (gm) of the statutes is amended to read:

281.65 (8) (gm) The department's cost-share offer under sub. (4e) (a) or the governmental unit submitting the application under sub. (4c) (a) or (4e) (a) shall exceed the limit under par. (f) in cases of economic hardship as defined by the department by rule, for offers and grants to achieve compliance with a performance standard or prohibition established under s. 281.16 (3) (a).

Limits the higher costshare rates for economic hardship to Category II NOD's that violate a state performance standard.

 $\sqrt{20.866(2)(tf)}$ of the statutes should be amended to read:

20.866(2)(tf) Natural resources; nonpoint source. From the capital improvement fund, a sum sufficient for the department of natural resources to fund nonpoint source water pollution abatement projects under s. 281.65 (4c) <u>and (4e)</u>. The state may contract public debt in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 for this purpose.

This enables the Department to fund NOD grants from the TRM program since the Priority Watershed program is sunsetting.

Tradewell, Becky

From: Miner, Andrew - DOA [Andrew.Miner@Wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 9:20 AM

To: Tradewell, Becky

Subject: RE: NOD language

Becky,

I asked DNR about the constitutional issues. FYI, here is how they replied (my question is in red).

1. I remember the big concern when hammering out this draft last time was whether everything was constitutional with regards to bonding for private purposes, protecting the waters of the state, etc. Is the program sure that everything in this proposal passes constitutional muster, such as giving grants directly to landowners and basing them on groundwater impacts (wasn't this an issue with the GL compact – whether or not groundwater was in the public trust)?

You have raised two issues: 1) constitutionality of using bond funds and 2) whether ground water can be protected with these grants.

Constitutionality: The question is not whether bonding revenue (BR) can be used on private lands. We do so all the time for purposes of improving water quality. Our grants are to the County, which uses the funds to reimburse farmers.

Rather, the question is whether BR for use on private lands can be granted directly from the state to a private landowner without going through the county first. Our current program understanding is that DNR can not pay BR directly to a landowner for these BMPs. However, DNR also uses GPR and federal 319 funds to pay for these BMPs. If DNR had a problem site that the County did not want to submit an application for and we had GPR or federal funds available, we would like the option of offering the cost share agreement directly to the farmer. We would not take this step if all we had available was BR. To be able to exercise this option with the appropriate funding source, we need a change to the statute.

Ground Water: NODs are a creature of Chapter NR 243. Under Chapter NR 243, NODs can be issued for Category I, Category II or Category III problems. It is true that Category I problems involve only discharges to navigable waters. However, Category II (Performance Standards Violations) and Category III problems (All other problems) involve discharges to all waters of the state which, by definition, include ground water in addition to a wide variety of surface waters. To be able to address the full range of water resource problems for which NODs are intended, we need to expand the statutory language so we can comprehensively administer the program.

From: Tradewell, Becky [mailto:Becky.Tradewell@legis.wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 9:06 AM

To: Miner, Andrew - DOA **Subject:** RE: NOD language

Andrew,

Thanks.

I think you are right that there will be issues about this draft. As I recall, last session the Capital Finance Office and bond counsel were of the opinion that grants could not be made directly to land owners because of the Internal Improvements Clause.

Becky

From: Miner, Andrew - DOA [mailto:Andrew.Miner@Wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 8:51 AM

To: Tradewell, Becky

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In 1017

DOA:.....Miner, BB0022 - Notice of discharge project funding under nonpoint program

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AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This is a preliminary draft. An analysis will be provided in a later version.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.866 (2) (tf) of the statutes is amended to read:

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6 The state may contract public debt in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 for this

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History: 1971 c. 42; 1971 c. 100 s. 23; 1971 c. 125, 211, 215, 236, 307, 330, 336; 1973 c. 90 ss. 148 to 149m, 555m (2); 1973 c. 333; 1975 c. 26, 39, 40, 41, 200, 224, 422; 1977 c. 4, 6; 1977 c. 29 ss. 385 to 387, 1650m (4), 1656 (43); 1977 c. 418; 1979 c. 4; 1979 c. 34 ss. 675a to 677v, 2102 (6) (a), (39) (a), (52) (a); 1979 c. 107, 221; 1981 c. 1 ss. 17, 18, 47; 1981 c. 20, 108, 317, 336; 1983 a. 27; 1983 a. 36 s. 96 (4); 1983 a. 97, 192, 195, 212; 1983 a. 410 s. 2202 (2); 1985 a. 6; 1985 a. 8 ss. 4, 12; 1985 a. 29 ss. 589m to 598, 3202 (23) (c), (26) (a), (53) (a); 1985 a. 77, 120, 332; 1987 a. 27, 295, 298, 399, 403, 409; 1989 a. 31, 46, 107, 122, 219, 336, 359, 366; 1991 a. 39, 51, 269, 309, 324; 1993

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SECTION 2. 281.65 (4e) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

A governmental unit may request funding under this 281.65 **(4e)** (a) subsection for a project to implement best management practices for animal waste management at an animal feeding operation for which the department has issued a notice of discharge under ch. 283 or a notice of intent to issue a notice of discharge.

History: 1977 c. 418; 1979 c. 34, 221; 1979 c. 355 s. 241; 1981 c. 20; 1981 c. 346 s. 38; 1983 a. 27; 1983 a. 189 s. 329 (16); 1983 a. 416; 1985 a. 29; 1987 a. 27; 1989 a. 31, 336, 366; 1991 a. 39, 309; 1993 a. 16, 166, 213, 246, 491; 1995 a. 27, 201, 225; 1995 a. 227 s. 428; Stats. 1995 s. 281.65; 1995 a. 404 s. 204; 1997 a. 27, 209, 237; 1999 a. 9; 1999 a. 150 s. 672; 2001 a. 16, 109; 2003 a. 33; 2007 a. 20.

SECTION 3. 281.65 (4e) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

281.65 (4e) (b) The department may grant a request under par. (a) if it determines that providing funding under this subsection is necessary to protect fish and aquatic life the waters of the state.

History: 1977 c. 418; 1979 c. 34, 221; 1979 c. 355 s. 241; 1981 c. 20; 1981 c. 346 s. 38; 1983 a. 27; 1983 a. 189 s. 329 (16); 1983 a. 416; 1985 a. 29; 1987 a. 27; 1989 a. 31, 336, 366; 1991 a. 39, 309; 1993 a. 16, 166, 213, 246, 491; 1995 a. 27, 201, 225; 1995 a. 227 s. 428; Stats. 1995 s. 281.65; 1995 a. 404 s. 204; 1997 a. 27, 209, 237; 1999 a. 9; 1999 a. 150 s. 672; 2001 a. 16, 109; 2003 a. 33; 2007 a. 20. 10

SECTION 4. 281.65 (4e) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

281.65 (4e) (bm) The department may provide a cost-sharing grant under this subsection directly to a landowner, or to an operator of an animal feeding operation, for a project to implement best management practices for animal waste management at an animal feeding operation for which the department has issued a notice of discharge under ch. 283 or a notice of intent to issue a notice of discharge if the department determines that providing funding under this subsection is necessary to protect the waters of the state.

SECTION 5. 281.65 (4e) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

281.65 (4e) (c) Subsection (8) (d) does not apply to a grant provided by the department directly to a landowner or an operator of a farm under this subsection par. (bm).

****Note: DNR requested the change in s. 281.65 (4e) (c), but I wonder whether it should be limited to the situation in which DNR is making a direct grant, given that the governmental unit requesting funding may not be the designated management agency. See s. 281.65 (4) (b).

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SECTION 6. 281.65 (8) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

281.65 (8) (f) A cost-sharing grant shall equal the percentage of the cost of implementing the best management practice that is determined by the department in providing a cost-sharing grant under sub. (4e) (a) or by the governmental unit submitting the application under sub. (4c) (a) or (4e) (a) and is approved by the board, except as provided under pars. (gm) and par. (jm) and except that a cost-sharing grant may not exceed 70% of the cost of implementing the best management practice unless par. (gm) applies.

History: 1977 c. 418; 1979 c. 34, 221; 1979 c. 355 s. 241; 1981 c. 20; 1981 c. 346 s. 38; 1983 a. 27; 1983 a. 189 s. 329 (16); 1983 a. 416; 1985 a. 29; 1987 a. 27; 1989 a. 31, 336, 366; 1991 a. 39, 309; 1993 a. 16, 166, 213, 246, 491; 1995 a. 27, 201, 225; 1995 a. 227 s. 428; Stats. 1995 s. 281.65; 1995 a. 404 s. 204; 1997 a. 27, 209, 237; 1999 a. 9; 1999 a. 150 s. 672; 2001 a. 16, 109; 2003 a. 33; 2007 a. 20.

****Note: DNR's proposed language indicated that the change to s. 281.65 (8) (f) allows a rapid response to an NOD by eliminating the need for Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) approval of an NOD grant. Note that the change eliminates the requirement for LWCB approval of cost share percentages for all kinds of cost-share grants under s 281.65.

SECTION 7. 281.65 (8) (gm) of the statutes is amended to read:

281.65 (8) (gm) The department in making a cost-sharing grant under sub. (4e)

(a) or a governmental unit submitting the application under sub. (4c) (a) or (4e) (a) shall exceed the limit under par. (f) in cases of economic hardship, as defined by the department by rule, for a project to achieve compliance with a performance standard or prohibition established under s. 281.16 (3) (a)

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****NOTE: This change would prevent the provision of cost—sharing at more than

****Note: This change would **prevent** the provision of cost-sharing at more than 70% of cost for every kind of nonpoint project except those needed to obtain compliance with an agricultural performance standard or prohibition under s. 281.16 (3) (a). Is that what is intended?

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Andrew Miner:

This is a preliminary version of the draft related to providing a nonpoint source program grant for animal waste management when DNR has issued a notice of discharge under ch. 283 or a notice of intent to issue a notice of discharge. I have included notes in the draft raising some issues with DNR's proposed language.

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Tradewell, Becky

From: Miner, Andrew - DOA [Andrew.Miner@Wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 19, 2009 4:48 PM

To: Tradewell, Becky

Subject: FW: LRB NOD Draft 280

Becky,

Please see the comments below from DNR regarding the NOD draft. Please make the suggested changes under Sections 5, 6, and 7 as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, especially with regard to section 6, please let me know. Thanks,

Andrew

From: Neumann, Paul F - DNR

Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2008 1:39 PM

To: Miner, Andrew - DOA **Subject:** FW: LRB NOD Draft

Hi Andrew,

Here are the comments from Watershed on the NOD draft.

Thanks, Paul

From: Pfender, John A - DNR

Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2008 1:30 PM

To: Neumann, Paul F - DNR **Subject:** LRB NOD Draft

Paul,

Here is what we should convey to Andrew Miner concerning the October 10, 2008 LRB draft of changes to the NOD funding statute.

√ Section 1: 20.866 (2) (tf)

• This is acceptable.

Section 2: 281.65 (4e) (a)

· This is acceptable

Section 3: 281.65 (4e) (b)

This is acceptable

Section 4: 281.65 (4e) (bm)

· This is acceptable

Section 5: 281.65 (4e) (c)

• After reading the drafter's note, DNR has reconsidered its request for a statutory change. We would request that paragraph (4e) (c) of the law remain unchanged from that currently enacted.

Section 6: 281.65 (8) (f) see Later emails

- DNR's proposal would have deleted the reference to (jm). The drafter's proposal would retain the reference to (jm). It is unclear if this is an oversight on the part of the drafter, or if the drafter insists that the reference to (jm) must remain. The reason that DNR asked that the reference to (jm) be deleted is that it perpetuates an existing statutory contradiction between 281.16 (3) (e), which requires that cost sharing be offered at a minimum of 70% to require compliance with standards and prohibitions, and 281.65 (8) (jm) which restricts the amount of cost share the DNR can offer to 50% of that amount. We need to have the reference to (jm) deleted so that we can use TRM and NOD funds under 281.65 to make an adequate offer of cost share for unresolved critical sites that need to meet standards and prohibitions.
- If the drafter disagrees with our interpretation of the statute, we would appreciate a chance to discuss this
 further.

√ Section 7: 281.65 (8) (gm)

- After reading the drafter's note, DNR would like to modify its proposal. What we want to achieve is to maintain
 our existing economic hardship policy without requiring that it be extended to <u>all_types</u> of management
 problems subject to NODs under Chapter 243. Although we are required to consider economic hardship for
 sites that are issued NODs for performance standards violations (Category II NODs), we are not required
 under law to provide economic hardship for other types of problems (Category I and III NODs) for which we
 could issue a NOD.
- We would like to propose the following language to provide us this flexibility without creating the problem to which the drafter's note alludes:

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Sent:

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 9:58 AM

To:

Miner, Andrew - DOA

Subject: RE: LRB NOD Draft 280

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Sent: Monday, January 19, 2009 4:48 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 9:03 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 8:58 AM

To: Miner, Andrew - DOA

Subject: FW: LRB NOD Draft 280

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Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 8:55 AM

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John

From: Neumann, Paul F - DNR

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 10:07 AM

To: Pfender, John A - DNR
Cc: Rasmussen, Russell A - DNR
Subject: FW: LRB NOD Draft 280

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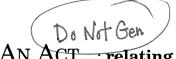
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From: Miner, Andrew - DOA [Andrew.Miner@Wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 3:18 PM

To: Tradewell, Becky

Subject: FW: LRB Draft: 09-0280/1 Notice of discharge project funding under nonpoint program

Becky – If it's not too late and this is indeed a simple change, please make the suggested change from DNR under 1) to the NOD draft. Whether to include their summary language in 2) is, of course, up to you. Let me know if there are any problems. Thanks,

Andrew

From: Neumann, Paul F - DNR

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 3:14 PM

To: Miner, Andrew - DOA

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Andrew.

If it is not too late, John Pfender has a couple of minor suggestions for the NOD draft:

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To accomplish this, we suggest adding the following 4 words to the beginning of the last sentence of 281.65(8) (gm):

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From: Neumann, Paul F - DNR

Sent: Friday, January 23, 2009 3:50 PM

To: Pfender, John A - DNR; Nyffeler, Robin T - DNR

Subject: FW: LRB Draft: 09-0280/1 Notice of discharge project funding under nonpoint program

John and Robin.

Latest LRB draft for NOD. Let me know if you have any concerns.

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From: Schlueter, Ron [mailto:Ron.Schlueter@legis.wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Friday, January 23, 2009 3:29 PM

To: Miner, Andrew - DOA

Cc: Steinmetz, Jana D - DOA; Hanaman, Cathlene - LEGIS; Beadles, Kathleen - DOA

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281.65 (8) (gm) The department in providing a cost-sharing grant under sub. (4e) (a) or a governmental unit submitting the application under sub. (4c) (a) or (4e) (a) shall may exceed the limit under par. (f) in eases case of economic hardship, as defined by the department by rule. In providing a grant for a project to achieve compliance with a performance standard or prohibition established under s. 281.16 (3) (a), the department shall provide cost-sharing of 70% of the cost of compliance or 70% to 90% of the cost of compliance in case of economic hardship.

Section 7. 281.65 (8) (jm) of the statutes is repealed.

Section 9437. Effective dates; Natural Resources.

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1	(1) Nonpoint source pollution program cost sharing. The treatment of
2	section 281.65 (8) (jm) of the statutes takes effect on January 1, 2010.
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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY

Under current law, DNR, in conjunction with DATCP and local governmental units, administers a program to provide financial assistance for projects to reduce water pollution from nonpoint (diffuse) sources. Local governmental units annually apply for cost-sharing grants from DNR for new nonpoint source projects. A project qualifies for funding only if it is in a target area. An area may be a target area if, for example, it contains a livestock operation that has received a notice from DNR that the operation is discharging a significant amount of pollution to the waters of this state (a notice of discharge). DNR annually ranks all of the eligible applications based on specified criteria, including the extent to which the project will result in the attainment of water quality objectives, and then DNR selects projects to receive cost-sharing grants. This process is referred to as the targeted runoff management grant process.

Current law also authorizes DNR to provide a cost-sharing grant, outside of the targeted runoff management grant process, to a local governmental unit for animal waste management at a livestock operation for which DNR has issued a notice of discharge if DNR determines that providing a grant outside of that process is

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necessary to protect fish and aquatic life. This bill broadens that authority by also covering livestock operations for which DNR has issued a notice of intent to issue a notice of discharge and allowing DNR to provide a grant to a local governmental unit if DNR determines that is necessary to protect the waters of the state.

This bill also authorizes DNR to provide a cost-sharing grant, outside of the targeted runoff management grant process, directly to the owner or operator of a livestock operation who has received a notice of discharge, or a notice of intent to issue a notice of discharge, if DNR determines that providing a grant outside of that process is necessary to protect the waters of the state.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 281.65 (4e) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

281.65 (4e) (a) A governmental unit may request funding under this subsection for a project to implement best management practices for animal waste management at an animal feeding operation for which the department has issued a notice of discharge under ch. 283 or a notice of intent to issue a notice of discharge.

SECTION 2. 281.65 (4e) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

281.65 (4e) (b) The department may grant a request under par. (a) if it determines that providing funding under this subsection is necessary to protect fish and aquatic life the waters of the state.

SECTION 3. 281.65 (4e) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

281.65 (4e) (bm) The department may provide a cost-sharing grant under this subsection directly to a landowner, or to an operator of an animal feeding operation, for a project to implement best management practices for animal waste management at an animal feeding operation for which the department has issued a notice of discharge under ch. 283 or a notice of intent to issue a notice of discharge if the department determines that providing funding under this subsection is necessary to protect the waters of the state.

1	SECTION 4. 281.65 (8) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:
2	281.65 (8) (f) A cost-sharing grant shall equal the percentage of the cost of
3	implementing the best management practice that is determined by the department
4	in providing a cost-sharing grant under sub. (4e) (a) or by the governmental unit
5	submitting the application under sub. (4c) (a) or (4e) (a) and is approved by the board
6	except as provided under pars. (gm) and (jm) and, except that a cost-sharing grant
7	may not exceed 70% of the cost of implementing the best management practice <u>unless</u>
8	par. (gm) applies.
	****Note: This is reconciled s. 281.65 (8) (f). This Section has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: $-0280/2$, $-1156/2$.
9	SECTION 5. 281.65 (8) (gm) of the statutes is amended to read:
10	281.65 (8) (gm) The department in providing a cost-sharing grant under sub
11	(4e) (a) or a governmental unit submitting the application under sub. (4c) (a) or (4e)
12	(a) shall may exceed the limit under par. (f) in eases case of economic hardship, as
13	defined by the department by rule. In providing a grant for a project to achieve
14	compliance with a performance standard or prohibition established under s. 281.16
15	(3) (a), the department shall provide cost-sharing of 70% of the cost of compliance
16	or 70% to 90% of the cost of compliance in case of economic hardship.
17	SECTION 6. 281.65 (8) (jm) of the statutes is repealed.
18	Section 9437. Effective dates; Natural Resources.
19	(1) Nonpoint source pollution program cost sharing. The treatment of
20	section 281.65 (8) (jm) of the statutes takes effect on January 1, 2010.

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